

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a blatantly anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and reveals the threat to democracy from powerful media interests.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, there is the real threat that political interest, and not objectivity, will be served.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.